



HEADQUARTERS & SUPPORT BATTALION

FALL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Headquarters and Support Battalion,

I hope you enjoyed family and friends over the past holidays and have started to enjoy a prosperous New Year. The busy season is upon us again and we will see our heaviest student population here at SOI-E during this quarter. Recently, as you may be aware, we short toured some of our non-infantry combat instructors and they received orders to another unit in the local area. All these Marines were credited with successful tours for this special duty assignment. Over time the school received too many non-infantry combat instructors and we needed to free up billets to receive more infantry combat instructors. A few of our combat instructors received orders and will be leaving the battalion soon. We are grateful for their service and the impact they've had in developing our future leaders.

We had the opportunity to celebrate Sergeant Major Hesham "Richie" Harris' 25 years of service to the Marine Corps during his retirement ceremony on November 30, 2012. He and Teresa were an intricate part of our team; we thank them for their combined service and wish them continued success. We are also honored to welcome Sergeant Major Clive O'Connor as our new Battalion Sergeant Major. He and his wife, Sherrie, are not strangers to SOI-E as they are coming to us from Marine Combat Training Battalion. Welcome aboard Sergeant Major and Sherrie.

As I close, I would like for you all to make plans to attend events sponsored by the school and battalion in the coming months. The chaplain is sponsoring a marriage retreat at no cost to couples. It will be held at the Hampton Inn in Swansboro on February 15, 2013 from 0800 – 1500. Call RP3 Napier at (910) 449-0692 for questions and to make reservations as seating is limited. The battalion plans to have a family day aboard Camp Geiger. Details will follow. Please contact the XO at 449-2029 if you have any suggestions to make it a great event. Last, dust off your Birthday Ball gowns as we are planning a dining out for the May or June time frame. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate a military tradition before we start our summer vacations and personnel turnover season. As always, thanks for your continued service.



Semper Fidelis,

Lieutenant Colonel Stacey L. Taylor

Commanding Officer

SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

To all Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines and Families of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Sherry and I would like to extend our gratitude as you all welcome us to this unit. *Happy New Year* to all of you and your family members. As your battalion Sergeant Major, I want commend you on how far you have gotten and encourage you to continue to press-on each and every day and focus on what impact you are having on the Marine Corps as an institution on a daily basis.



From its beginning in 1775, the Corps has strived to produce not only the best warriors, but the best people. These are men and women who live by a code, which form the bedrock of good character. These values guide the Corps, as well as its individual Marines.

Honor – The quality, maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly. **Courage** – The mental, moral, and physical strength to carry Marines through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear. **Commitment** – The spirit of determination and dedication that leads to professionalism, pride, concern for others, and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor.

So, I remind you to never forget who we are as Marines and Marine families, I ask that you stay committed and face all challenges and responsibilities in order to accomplish your goals. As an integral member of the School of Infantry-East, Headquarters and Support Battalion is tasked with providing sustained combat logistics support to all battalions in this area of operations. We are a fully capable Navy-Marine Corps team committed to mission accomplishment and a high level of quality of life. Headquarters and Support Battalion is an exciting and dynamic command; noted as a focus area for SOI-E and our sister battalions. You are a huge part of that focus. No matter what your occupational specialty or billet assignment, I believe you will find your time here to be challenging and professionally rewarding.

Sincerely,

Clive C. O'Connor

Sergeant Major

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24 – January Birthday Luncheon, HQSPTBN Office, Ivy Hall

February 18 – Presidents' Day

February 21 – February Birthday Luncheon, HQSPTBN Office, Ivy Hall

For more information on upcoming events, please contact www.marines.mil/unit/tecom/soieast. For information on Military OneSource, please go to www.militaryonesource.com.



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"Marines to be recognized"

The following Marines received personal awards during October through December 2012. Their hard work and proven performance is appreciated by all:

Marine of the Quarter:

Lance Corporal Nohalty (ComCam)

Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter:

Corporal Fidler (ASC)

Meritorious Service Medal:

Sergeant Major Harris (HQSPTBN)

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal:

Master Sergeant Masucci (S-4)

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Award:

Sergeant Barczynski (MT) Corporal King (ASC)

Certificate of Commendation:

Mrs. Catunao (ADJ) Sergeant Ives (ACAD)

Certificate of Appreciation:

Sergeant Bryant (ComCam) Corporal Fidler (ASC)

Corporal Veliz (ASC) Corporal Self (MT)

The following Marines were promoted:

October 1, 2012:

Sergeant Michel	(MT)	Sergeant Schauss	(MT)
Corporal Casto	(MT)	Corporal Clawson	(MT)
Corporal Greenwood	(MT)	Corporal Linton	(Armory)
Corporal Mercer	(MT)	Corporal Wallace	(MT)
Corporal Wolfe	(MT)	Lance Corporal Boehm	(MT)
Lance Corporal Trager	(ComCam)		

November 1, 2012:

Sergeant Roden	(MT)	Corporal Hohner	(MT)
Corporal Shilts	(MT)	Lance Corporal Bilyeu	(ASC)
Lance Corporal Lynch	(Supply)	Lance Corporal McKinnon	(Armory)

December 1, 2012:

Sergeant Larsen	(Supply)	Corporal Hodge	(S-4)
Corporal Towne	(Armory)	Lance Corporal MartinezMoreno	(LIMA)
Lance Corporal Paredes	(HQSPTBN)		

December 2, 2012:

Corporal Costello (Supply)

Births:

Congratulations to the proud parents of:

A son, 6 pounds 9 ounces, and 20 and 1/2 inches long, born October 9, 2012 to Corporal and Mrs. Southern

A daughter, 7 pounds 1ounce, and 19 and 1/2 inches long, born November 2, 2012 to Sergeant and Mrs. Davis

A son, 5 pounds 13 ounces, and 18 and 1/2 inches long, born November 23, 2012 to Corporal and Mrs. Costello

A son, 8 pounds 1 ounce, and 20 and 1/2 inches long, born December 5, 2012 to Sergeant and Mr. Nasholts

A daughter, 7 pounds 15 ounces, and 20 and 1/2 inches long, born December 9, 2012 to Corporal and Mrs. Collins